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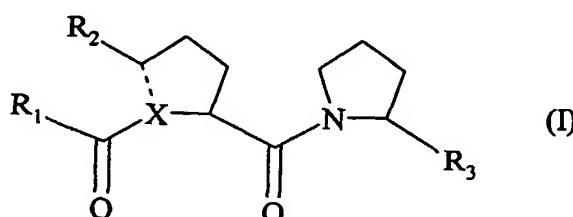
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(54) Title: COMPOUNDS HAVING PROLYL OLIGOPEPTIDASE INHIBITORY ACTIVITY



(57) Abstract: The invention provides a compound of formula (I), wherein in the formula X, R₁, R₂ and R₃ are as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof, useful as a prolyl oligopeptidase inhibitor. The compounds of formula (I) can be used for the treatment of diseases or conditions where prolyl oligopeptidase inhibitors are indicated to be effective, for example for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's disease and senile dementia

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 13–15 because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 13–15 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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